

# Holy Baptism Service (Sept. 29, 2024)

## Opening Rites

### Prelude

### Greeting

### Opening Hymn and Procession

#### Opening Song

#### #1 - "God Created Heaven and Earth"

God created heav'n and earth,  
Every thing He brought to birth;  
Boundless is His wondrous might,  
Let us praise Him day and night,  
Bright the sun as each day dawns,  
Silv'ry moon the dark adorns,  
Sun and moon and stars of light,  
God is mighty in our sight.

Golden grain grows in the field,  
Flow'r and tree their foliage yield,  
Fish that swim in stream and sea,  
All are made by God's decree,  
And the bird on high that flies,  
Food and drink our God supplies,  
E'en the creeping insect small,  
God's great care surrounds them all.

God provides for all mankind,  
To all peoples He is kind,  
Food and clothes and dwelling place,  
All are blessings of His grace,  
God's good gifts are numerous,  
His own Son He sent for us,  
Let us now with heart and soul,  
Thank our God, His name extol. Amen.

### “上帝創造天及地”

- 1 上帝創造天及地，  
生成萬物各項會，  
功勞極大又極闊，  
咱當稱呼永不息。  
日頭出現光滿天，  
日落月出照暗夜，  
日月星辰都顯明，  
上帝主宰大權能。
- 2 土地所生的五穀，  
花園青翠的樹木，  
水內所有的魚鼈，  
都是上帝造的物。  
天中所飛的鳥隻，  
上帝給祂食足額，  
以及至細的蟲(虫道)，  
無出上帝心以外。
- 3 上帝照顧世間人，  
不論中國與外邦，  
給咱各日的米糧，  
兼有屋宅及衣裳。  
上帝的恩講不盡，  
差遣耶穌救萬民，  
大家當用真實心，  
向祂感謝詩來吟。阿們。

## **Greeting**

*Celebrant* Praise be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And praise be to His kingdom now and forever.

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* One God and Father of all.

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Ministry of the Word**

### **The Lessons**

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*  
The First and Second Reading from Daniel 2:27-30 & Acts 26:1-18.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*  
The word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 9:33-37.

*People* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*  
The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **The Sermon by Rev. Josephus Banzuelo**

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The Celebrant says,*  
The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The Candidates and their Sponsors stand from their seats.*

*Sponsors* Reverend sir, we present these persons to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the Candidates,*  
Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidates* I do.

### **The Examination**

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Candidates* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Candidates* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Candidates* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

*Candidates* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

*Candidates* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

*Candidates* I do.

*The Celebrant addresses the Congregation,*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*Congregation* We will.

*The Celebrant says these or similar words,*

Let us all stand and join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living  
and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit and the convictions of our faith?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you see and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Please kneel.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open their hearts to Your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill them with Your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of Your holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to Your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of Your peace and glory.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ Your Son may live in the power of His resurrection and look for Him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant, with the Crucifer, proceeds to the Font and blesses the water*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

We thank You, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it You led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it Your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through His death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank You, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in His death. By it we share in His resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to Your Son, we bring into His fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray You, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Congregation sits. The Candidates stand.*

## **The Baptism**

*The Candidates, with their respective Sponsors, approach the Font one at a time.*

*Celebrant* N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*Amen.*

*Moira Bernice Ngo*

*Juliana Corine Ragas*

*Jayden Vincent Chan*

*Pierre Antonio Floirendo*

*The Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, and saying to each one,*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying,*  
Let us kneel and pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You that by water and the Holy Spirit You have bestowed upon *these* Your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in Your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love You, and the gift of joy and wonder in all Your works. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant instructs the newly baptized to stand and face the people, and says,*  
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, and share with us in His eternal priesthood.

*The Celebrant returns to the Chancel.*

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you."

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          And also with you.

*The people exchange peace.*

## **The Holy Eucharist**

### **The Offertory**

**#136 - "Jesus Bids Us Shine"**

Jesus bids us shine  
With a pure, clear light,  
Like a little candle  
Burning in the night.  
In this world of darkness  
So let us shine,  
You in your small corner,  
And I in mine.

### **“耶穌叫咱人”**

- 1 耶穌叫咱人，  
做真光的燈，  
親像一枝燭火，  
夜間照光明，  
這世間是黑暗，  
宛親像黑墨，  
咱當照他光，  
一人一隅。

Jesus bids us shine,  
First of all for Him;  
Well He sees and knows it,  
If our light grows dim.  
He looks down from Heaven  
To see us shine  
You in your small corner,  
And I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine,  
Then, for all around;  
Many kinds of darkness  
In the world are found.  
Sin and want and sorrow;  
So we must shine  
You in your small corner,  
And I in mine. Amen.

2 耶穌叫咱人，  
歸榮光給祂，  
咱的光不明顯，  
祂就不歡喜，  
祂俯下看世間，  
暗親像黑墨，  
咱當照他光，  
一人一隅。

3 耶穌叫咱人，  
各處當做燈，  
人有罪惡憂悶，  
很多心無明，  
看世間都黑暗，  
宛親像黑墨，  
咱當照他光，  
一人一隅。阿們。

After the offerings are collected, the people sing  
All things come of Thee, O Lord. And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord You have received us as Your sons and daughters, made us citizens of Your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High! Amen.



*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In Your infinite love You made us in Your image, and, when we fell into sin and become subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us. He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for all mankind, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and we offer You these gifts, recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ. All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

V. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

R. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people with either of the following*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*The threefold amen follows.*

## **Closing Rites**

### **Announcements**

1. Rev. Tony Yeo Special Seminar
2. October Prayer Initiatives
3. Called Together Class
4. It is with sadness that we wish to announce the passing of our long-time member Bro. Paul Yuonkee. Let us keep the God family in our prayers in this time of grief.
5. Picture taking after the worship service for the newly baptized and their sponsors

## Closing Hymn and Recession

### #161 - "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

#### *Verse 1*

What a wonderful change in my life  
has been wrought  
Since Jesus came into my heart  
I have light in my soul  
for which long I had sought  
Since Jesus came into my heart

#### *Chorus*

Since Jesus came into my heart  
Since Jesus came into my heart  
Floods of joy o'er my soul  
Like the sea billows roll  
Since Jesus came into my heart

#### *Verse 2*

I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray  
Since Jesus came into my heart  
And my sins which were many  
are all washed away  
Since Jesus came into my heart

#### *Verse 3*

I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure  
Since Jesus came into my heart  
And no dark clouds of doubt  
now my pathway obscure  
Since Jesus came into my heart

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People* Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

## Picture Taking

## “因為信主耶穌基督”

1 我日常的生活已經變換做新，  
因為信耶穌基督，  
有靈光照我心，  
主洗清心裏面，  
因為信耶穌基督。

和：因為信耶穌基督，  
因為信耶穌基督。  
主救我的罪惡，  
我的心常喜樂，  
主的恩愛不會測度。

2 前所有的訝疑今權總消滅去，  
因為有主耶穌基督，  
主應重不改變，  
會享受大福氣，  
因為有主耶穌基督。

3 對死失的驚惶現在已經消無，  
因為有主耶穌基督，  
在天上有了房間，  
主為我們預備好，  
因為有主耶穌基督。